STATE OF IOWA DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS		Policy Number IO-SC-09	Applicability ☒ DOC ☐ CBC
POLICY AND PROCEDURES		Policy Code Confidential	Iowa Code Reference 704
Chapter 3 INSTITUTIONAL OPERATIONS	Sub Chapter SECURITY & CONTROL	Related DOC Policies IO-SC-07 IO-SC-08 IO-SC-20	Administrative Code Reference N/A
Subject USE OF CHEMICAL AGENTS		ACA Standards 4-4090, 4-4092 4-4202, 4-4203	Responsibility Sheryl Dahm Diann Wilder-Tomlinson
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I. PURPOSE

To describe the conditions and restrictions under which chemical agents may be deployed in an institution of the Iowa Department of Corrections (IDOC).
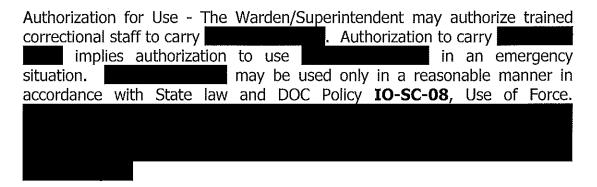
II. POLICY

It is the policy of the Iowa Department of Corrections to provide employees with proper training and guidance on the permissible use of force, including the use of chemical agents, in its institutions and to ensure force is used only when necessary and only to the degree necessary to prevent injury to self or others, prevent escape, prevent serious destruction to property, or restore order in the institution. The use of force, including the use of chemical agents, is intended only as a control measure and shall be utilized only when absolutely necessary. The use of chemical agents is not intended, and shall not be used, as a means of punishment. **(4-4090)**

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III.   DEFINITIONS – See IDOC Policy **AD-GA-16** for Definitions.

IV.   PROCEDURES

A.   Reactive - Use of Chemical Agents

Authorization for Use - The Warden/Superintendent may authorize trained correctional staff to carry ███████████. Authorization to carry ███████ implies authorization to use ████████████ in an emergency situation. ███████████ may be used only in a reasonable manner in accordance with State law and DOC Policy **IO-SC-08**, Use of Force.

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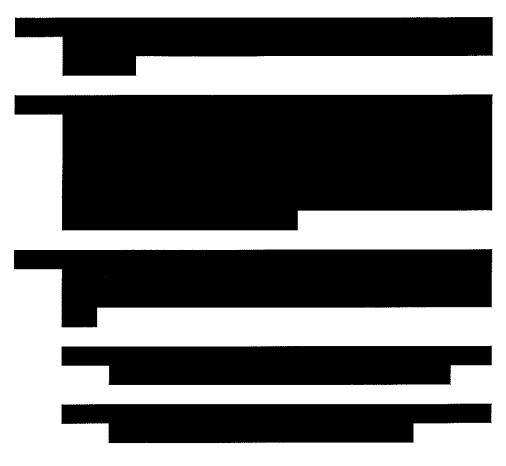B.   Planned – Use of Chemical Agents

Authorization for use - Use of ████████████ or other chemical agent as part of a planned use of force must be authorized by the Warden/Superintendent or a designee identified in the institution's procedure.

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Such precautions shall include:

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e. Only an amount sufficient to achieve the primary objective shall be used.

5. After using chemical agents, and control and order are restored:

a. Manufacturer and safety data sheet instructions shall be

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followed. In addition:

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e.   Health Supervision

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2.   Medical attention shall be made available to offenders exposed to chemical agents and Health Services staff shall assess any adverse effects or injuries, document, and monitor appropriately. **(4-4203)**

C.   Types of Chemical Agents and Guidance for Use

The following categories of chemical agents may be used in accordance with manufacturer guidance:

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D. Personnel and Training

1. Selected personnel shall be trained by staff certified by the Iowa Corrections Learning Center (ICLC) as instructors in the use of all types of chemical agents authorized for use within the IDOC. Staff authorized to carry handheld dispensers of ▮ as part of their routine duties shall consist of six hours of training including a full exposure to the agent. Initial certification for ▮ shall consist of six hours of training. Re-certification shall consist of two hours of training every other year. [REDACTED]

2. The names of persons at each institution trained to use chemical agents shall be forwarded to the Associate Warden/Security and available to the Shift Supervisor.

3. Instructors shall be re-certified every two years.

E. Purchase and Storage of Chemical Agents

The following administrative safeguards are necessary to ensure against abuse of chemical agents, [REDACTED]

1. All chemical agents shall be stored and controlled in accordance with IDOC **IO-SC-07,** [REDACTED]

2.   All purchases of chemical agents and equipment authorized by IDOC policy must be approved by the Associate Warden/Security.

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F.   Reporting Requirements

As soon as possible following the use of chemical agents and after control has been restored, a full written report via the Critical Incident Report module shall be made by supervisory staff at the scene and forwarded through the Associate Warden/Security to the Warden/Superintendent or designee on duty. **(4-4202)**

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